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Section 13
International Trade Centre

(Programme 10 of the biennial programme plan for the period 2016-2017)**

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Overview

Table 13.1 **Financial resources**

(United States dollars)

Appropriation for 2014-2015[a]	39 454 900
Total resource change	–
Proposal of the Secretary-General for 2016-2017[a]	39 454 900

[a] At 2014-2015 revised rates.

Table 13.2 **Post resources**

	Number	*Level*
Regular budget		
Approved posts for the biennium 2014-2015	160	1 ASG, 1 D-2, 5 D-1, 20 P-5, 30 P-4, 20 P-3, 14 P-2/1, 69 GS (OL)
Proposed for the biennium 2016-2017	160	1 ASG, 1 D-2, 5 D-1, 20 P-5, 30 P-4, 20 P-3, 14 P-2/1, 69 GS (OL)

Abbreviations: ASG, Assistant Secretary-General; GS, General Service; OL, Other level; PL, Principal level; USG, Under-Secretary-General.

Overall orientation

13.1 The International Trade Centre (ITC) is the joint technical cooperation agency of the United Nations and the World Trade Organization (WTO) for trade and international business development. Originally created by the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade (GATT) in 1964, ITC has operated since 1968 under the joint auspices of GATT/WTO and the United Nations, the latter acting through the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD). The Centre is responsible for the implementation of subprogramme 6, Operational aspects of trade promotion and export development, of programme 10, Trade and development, of the biennial programme plan for the period 2016-2017.

13.2 The General Assembly, in section I of its resolution 59/276, endorsed revised administrative arrangements for ITC as set out in the report of the Secretary-General (A/59/405). In conformity with those administrative arrangements, after consultations among the secretariats of the United Nations, WTO and ITC, a proposal in the form of a simplified fascicle, in United Nations format, is submitted in the second quarter of the year preceding the forthcoming financial period to the General Assembly and the WTO General Council, with a request that both bodies take note of the planned level of resources to be requested. The ITC budget is funded equally by the United Nations and WTO. The proposals outlined below are of an interim nature.

13.3 The General Assembly may wish to take note of the planned level of resources. The detailed proposed programme budget of ITC for the biennium 2016-2017 will be submitted to the General Assembly and to the WTO General Council in the third quarter of 2015.

Overview of resources

13.4 The overall resources proposed for the biennium 2016-2017 for this section amount to SwF 75,501,700 and the contribution of each parent organization is SwF 37,750,850 after taking into consideration miscellaneous income of SwF 400,000 and recosting. Table 13.3 below shows the United States dollar equivalent of those requirements expressed at the United Nations exchange rate of 0.950 Swiss francs to the United States dollar. In conformity with the revised arrangements, resource requirements will be detailed in the proposed programme budget of ITC (long fascicle), which will be submitted to the General Assembly and the WTO General Council for consideration during the third quarter of 2015.

13.5 In paragraph 36 of its seventh report on the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2014-2015, Section 13, International Trade Centre (A/68/7/Add.6), the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions urged the Secretary-General to intensify his efforts to further simplify the administrative arrangements for the presentation of the ITC budget so as to require only one review by the Advisory Committee in the year preceding the financial period. The Centre will therefore engage in consultations with the secretariats of the United Nations and WTO, and will address the recommendation of the Committee during the third quarter of 2015, as part of the long fascicle.

Table 13.3 **Summary of requirements (United Nations share)**

(Thousands of United States dollars)

Object of expenditure	*2012-2013 expenditure*	*2014-2015 appropriation at revised rates*	*Resource growth*		*Total before recosting*	*Recosting*[a]	*2016-2017 estimate*
			Amount	*Percentage*			
Grants and contributions	38 145.5	39 454.9	–	–	39 454.9	72.3	39 527.2
Total	**38 145.5**	**39 454.9**	**–**	**–**	**39 454.9**	**72.3**	**39 527.2**

[a] Initial recosting to reflect the United States dollar requirements for the biennium 2016-2017 to ensure the United Nations part in Swiss francs remains equivalent to its half share of the ITC budget of SwF 75,101,700 for the biennium (i.e., SwF 37,550,850).